

LAKE LORRAINE (Springfield)

General Information:

Lake Lorraine is a 30-acre lake immediately south of Route 20 in a highly urbanized section of Springfield. Average depth is 17 feet and the maximum depth is 22 feet. The water is clear and of good quality with a transparency of 17 feet. The trout water layer is approximately 15% by volume. The bottom type is predominantly mud with a few areas of sand and gravel. Aquatic weeds are generally sparse except for the northern cove, where they are abundant.

The shoreline is 75% developed with year-round homes, a private club and a large beach with an entrance fee. There are railroad tracks along the southern shore, which separate Lake Lorraine and Five Mile Pond. The Environmental Police have a sub-headquarters on the lake.

Boat access is at the end of Lorrimer Street down a steep sand and gravel bank and is limited to car top boats and canoes. Shoreline fishing is limited to the boat access area and along the railroad tracks. Recreational usage in the summer is high, with swimming the most popular activity. Because of the built-up nature of the area, parking is extremely limited.

Lake Lorraine can be located on the U.S.G.S. topographical quad map titled "Springfield North." Nearby fishing areas include Loon Pond and Fivemile Pond.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1978 summer survey. Nine species were collected including largemouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, bluegill, golden shiner, red-breasted sunfish, longear sunfish, banded killifish and brown bullhead.

Fishing:

Lake Lorraine is stocked each spring and fall with rainbow trout. Fishing pressure is limited by the poor access and is primarily from April through June. The clear water and lack of cover does not produce spectacular bass fishing.

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